

2018

Harrison County Baseball Rules

The Official Regulations and Playing Rules for all divisions of Little League Baseball Book shall be followed. All teams must play under Little League rules or stand to forfeit their game. The following rules apply to all divisions:

1. Each team will try to make a team from their own town but if this not possible they may go to the Board for approval to pick up players from the surrounding area. Once a player has signed with a team the player must remain on that team's roster.
2. Each player must play on the team that is within the school district in which they reside or the school district they attend within the boundary area unless they get permission from the Board to play on another team.
3. Managers are responsible for making sure that each player has submitted a parents' authorization form and the league fees.
4. Each team should wear shirts of the same color with numbers on the back. Player's name is optional. (1.11)
5. Home plate umpire and official score book is to be provided by the home team. Each team will also provide a base umpire.
6. Home team provides the game balls.
7. Any team unable to field 7 players will automatically forfeit the game. The game still may be played as a practice game; however, pitch count rules still apply. A team will not take penalties for playing with 7 or 8 players during regular season. However, during tournament play an out will be incurred.
8. No batting practice on the field may be taken before a game. The visiting team may take the field 10 minutes prior to the start of the game for a 5 minute warm-up. In case of a late start the warm-up time will be at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
9. The base coaches may be managers, coaches, or players of the team.
10. Make-up games are to be arranged by the home team manager. Opposing team is to be contacted within two weeks and given a minimum of two dates for possible make-up of game being rescheduled. The team unable to reschedule will forfeit the game. If all attempts made to reschedule a make-up game prior to the tournament fail because of inclement weather or shortage of field availability neither team will be penalized when teams are seeded for the tournament.
11. No father, mother or any other sibling can umpire home plate in a tournament game. During the regular season all teams should try to follow the same rule if possible.
12. Managers or coaches may not warm-up a pitcher at home plate between innings or before the game. (3.09)
13. Every rostered player present at the start of the game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time (Regulation IV Section (i)).
14. Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day (Regulation VI Section (a)).

Minor League

**Minor League will begin on May 1, 2018.
Minor League Tournament will be held the week of June 11, 2018.
Tournament will be held in Eagleville (Both Divisions).
All-Star Meeting TBA**

1. Games will be 6 innings or 1½ hour time limit, whichever occurs first. No inning may start after this time, unless breaking a tie. (4.10)
2. Bases are at 60 feet. (1.04) Pitching mound is 46 feet. (1.07)
3. 5 runs per inning rule for all 6 innings unless time runs out, then score will be final from the last completed inning.
4. The catcher does not have to catch the third strike. (Rule 7.09)
5. One base on an overthrow. The base being attempted plus one base at the runner's risk, if the runner goes and is thrown out it will count as an out. If that base is also over thrown the player can not advance to the next base until the next pitch. A runner may receive one base total for an overthrow.
6. First base only on a walk. No balk.
3. Regular Season Pitching rules: No more than 75 pitches per day for league age 9-10; no more than 50 pitches per day for league age 7-8. (Regulation VI section (b)).

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest is required.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, zero (0) calendar day of rest is required.

EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) the batter is retired; (3) the third out is made to complete the half inning. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar days of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at bat provided that pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

4. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher. (Regulation VI Section (b))

Tournament Rules

All tournament rules and guidelines found on pages T1 – T26 in the 2017 Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules will be followed with the following exception:

Regular season time limits on games will be enforced unless a tie needs to be broken.

If a team plays with less than 9 players, an out will be taken for each missing player in the line-up.